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Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards. The question of sanctioning additional staff for that work is under examination.''

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—'' May I know whether the Government will appoint qualified staff for auditing the accounts of the Panchayat Boards? ''

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—'' The question will be considered, Sir.''

SRI K. VENKAIAH :—'' In view of the fact that the Panchayats are very much inconvenienced to prepare the estimates for sanction of roads, etc., will the Government consider the proposal of appointing special overseers in every district? ''

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—'' A similar question has already been answered, Sir.''

Women's Welfare Centres in Malabar.

* 943 *Q.*—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state the names of the places where Women's Welfare Centres are working in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—'' (1) Nadakkavu, (2) Nagaram (for Scavengers), (3) Bettathputhiangadi, (4) Kodiyeri, (5) Mozhikara, (6) Mattanur, (7) Pinarayi and (8) Kokkannasseri.''

SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—'' May I know whether these centres are started at the initiative of the women of those places mentioned by the Hon. Minister? ''

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—'' These centres are started taking into consideration the backwardness and the real needs of the particular place.''

SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—'' Sir, from the list just now read, I understand that there are two centres in the Kozhikode town itself but in many of the interior backward areas there are no Women's Welfare centres. The Hon. Minister says that the needs of the locality are taken into consideration. May I know whether these centres are started at the initiative or at the request of the women of those localities concerned of at the initiative of certain officers of those places? ''

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—'' The initiative of the people of the locality is one of the important considerations. But there must be facilities also available in the place, at least a house for those people to live in must be available. The enthusiasm shown in a particular place is also taken into consideration.''

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SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Will the Government consider the opening of more centres if those facilities are given to them, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" The Department is expanding, Sir. Certainly we will look into the matter."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what are the subjects which are being taught at these welfare centres? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Hand crafts which the womenfolk generally take to, reading, writing and some of the small arts like stitching, etc."

SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know what are the services rendered by the centres to the backward and the poor people? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I have just now mentioned them. The chief among them is that they will be taught the three R's, reading, writing and arithmetic."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, are the women given training also in the latest form of cosmetics? " (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Are these Rural Welfare Women Officers teaching matters like family planning and birth-control to the illiterate women-folk of the villages? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" The hon. Member seems to be specialising in that art. He has already put the same question and I have replied some months ago. All the same, for the satisfaction of the hon. Member, I would like to say that when such advice is sought, it is being given."

Travelling allowance to the Police officials in Nellore

* 944 *Q.*—SRI K. RAMAIAH CHOWDARY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government of Madras issued any orders to the District Superintendent of Police of Nellore not to pay travelling allowance to the Police in Nellore district; and if so, why? 9-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative.

" It is rather difficult to understand what exactly the hon. Member has in his mind in putting this question. The drawal of travelling allowance is governed by the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules and the issue of an executive order sanctioning or withholding the payment of travelling allowance to any particular class of Government servants does not arise."